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Despite film, CBS still ignores man they canned

By BILL GRANGER
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It is a long, long way from the Beverly Hills Hotel to the little farm of John Henry Faulk down in Madisonville, Tex. It is too bad that, though things have changed somewhat, the distance is still too far for a television network to travel.

Faulk is a good ole boy turned 62 and he might have been the biggest TV star of his generation. In the mid-1950s, John Henry was a comer, a Texas-accented Arthur Godfrey and a homespun Jack Paar rolled into a sly, twinkling Will Rogers personality. But it never happened big for John Henry Faulk.

Twenty years ago, a right-wing group accused him of consorting with Communists and the pressure was built on him and on the CBS network until he was fired.

But John Henry was a fighter and he sued the pants off the right-wing outfit and was vindicated in the courts. Though the jury awarded him $3.5 million, he eventually collected only $75,000 for himself.

John Henry eventually wrote a book about his blacklisting by CBS and the other networks and his fight to clear his good name. It was called Fear On Trial and Faulk said it showed a vindication of the American system.

Faulk sold the right to televise his story for $8,000 and tonight the story will be told in a two-hour movie on CBS — the network that canned him and then banned him.

BACKPATS

Already, CBS is getting backpats for its courage and its humility in owning up to being wrong. CBS thought so much of the film (it stars William Devane and George C. Scott) that it included the special on its fall hoopla tour celebrating the new season.

The film was shown to critics in New York and Hollywood. Oh, joyous day, when a network is big enough to admit it might have helped ruin a man's career.

The film was shown in the Beverly Hills Hotel screening room and people with good suntans showed up. It was all so wonderful that everyone forgot to ask: Where was John Henry Faulk in all this?

So I called him early one morning down at his farm.

"Well, bless you, old horse, for giving me a thought," began John Henry. "It would be a pretty if you'd remember me to Studs Terkel and ol' Tom Fitzpatrick up in Chicago."

After pleasantries, I asked John Henry if he had been back on CBS?

"No horse. I've never been on the network since 1957. When I was promotin' my book a few years ago, I was on ABC and NBC but I ain't never made it back to CBS. In fact, they never even mentioned my name until they started promotin' this film. I believe I was an un-person there for a while."

He chuckled in a Texas accent, which is a difficult thing to do.

"No horse, they didn't invite me to New York or to Beverly Hills. That kind of struck me as interesting. They had this fella who plays me but he was only a child when the things happened. But it is a fine film and this William Devane, he plays John Henry Faulk better than John Henry Faulk does . . ."

And did they ever offer you your job back, John Henry?

"No horse, they never did. But I don't regret my life, old boy. I have had an opportunity to prove the worth of the American system. I consider myself very privileged."

The real John Henry will be heard on FM radio after the CBS film ends. If you have never heard this funny, charming man, you might do yourself a pretty and listen in.

John Henry told me that he wants to do a series for Public TV on the characters in his part of the country and he still does tours of his one-man humor show. "You can tell folks I'm brilliantly talented," John Henry chuckled.

I'll tell them, John Henry. And I'll tell them to watch the film tonight — but I'll remind them that in the middle of all of CBS's self-congratulations, it is necessary to remember this: A corporation can change its policies but it can never have a change of heart, because corporations don't have hearts.

Super-jam tomorrow

Outremont concerts return

By JUAN RODRIGUEZ
for The Gazette

Despite some last-minute hassles, the Cinema Outremont inaugurates its 1975-76 series of concerts on Friday night with a show by local poet-musician Raoul Duguay.

The repertory cinema last season became the favorite hangout for Quebecois rock music. The shows attracted a loyal audience and the stars were greeted warmly. This season's program has been greatly expanded to spotlight a dozen local singers, groups and comedians, as well as a handful of internationally known acts.

The new series was to have been kicked off with an eight-concert stint by Louise Forestier, who recorded her last album live at the Outremont earlier this year. However, the singer's management recently pulled out because they disapproved of the scheduling of her shows.

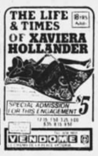
To compensate for her absence, the series' producers, Les productions Beau Bec, have organized a "super-jam a la Quebecoise" for Saturday night featuring members of the province's most popular rock groups, including Harmonium, Beau Dommage, Les Seguins, Contraction, Ville Emard. The concert is already being regarded by many as a "grand event" in the development of Quebecois rock music.

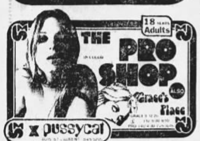
CARIGNAN

The series continues with performances by Duguay, Jim et Bertrand, Plume Latraverse, Pollen, Claude Gauthier, Monique Leyrac, Contraction, Octobre, Ti-Jean Carignan, Gilles Valiquette, Jesse Winchester, Offenbach, les Mimes Electriques and Jean-Guy Moreau, the latter's seven-show stint being the longest run.

The international names being presented include Chuck Mangione, Papa John Creach, John Lee Hooker, Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee, Horslips and Oregon.

Full details of the Outremont's attractions are listed in its free 32-page magazine, le revue du cinema Outremont, with a current press run of over 100,000 copies.





TV TODAY

CBFT (2) Montreal
WCAX (3) Burlington, Vt.
CBOT (4) Ottawa
WPTZ (5) Plattsburgh, N.Y.
CBMT (6) Montreal
(6) Global TV, Ottawa
CHLT (7) Sherbrooke
WMTW (8) Poland Spring, Me.
CJOH (8) Cornwall
(9) Cable TV
NC(9) Nat'l Cablevision
CBOFT (9) Ottawa
CFTM (10) Montreal
CKWS (11) Kingston
CFCF (12) Montreal
CJOH (13) Ottawa
CIVM (17) Montreal
WVNY (22) Burlington, Vt.
WETK (33) Burlington, Vt.

1.00 p.m.
(3) News and Weather
(4) Four for the Road
(8) Truth or Consequences
(6) Larry Solway Show
(8)/(13) It Takes a Thief
(8) (22) Ryan's Hope
(11) Mike Douglas Show

1.10 p.m.
(5) Across the Fence

1.30 p.m.
(2) (9) Téléjournal
(3) As the World Turns
(4) Coronation Street
(5) Days of Our Lives
(6) Any Woman Can
(6) Doctor in the House
(7) Pourquoi pas
(8) (22) Let's Make a Deal
(10) A votre service

1.35 p.m.
(2) (9) Femme d'aujourd'hui

2.00 p.m.
(3) (6) The Guiding Light
(4) Love American Style
(6) Coronation Street
(8)/(13) Celebrity Dominoes
(8) (22) The $10,000 Pyramid

2.15 p.m.
(7) (10) Cinéma—Drame de guerre
La cucaracha (Maria Félix, Emilio Fernandez)

2.30 p.m.
(2) (9) Cinéma—Aventures
Sous le signe de Monte-Cristo (Paul Barge, Paul Le Person and Anny Duperey)
(3) (4) (6) (11) The Edge of Night
(5) The Doctors
(6) The Canadians
(8)/(13) (12) What's the Good Word
(8) (22) Rhyme and Reason
(33) Every Penny Counts
(3) Match Game
(4) (6) (11) Take 30
(5) (8)/(13) (12) Another World
(6) Rimstead
(8) (22) General Hospital
(33) Psychology Today

3.30 p.m.
(3) Tattletales
(4) (6) (11) Celebrity Cooks
(6) The Pink Panther
(8) (22) One Life to Live
(33) Lilias, Yoga and You

4.00 p.m.
(2) (9) Bobino
(5) Musical Chairs
(4) (6) (11) Forest Rangers
(5) Somerset
(6) Gilligan's Island
(7) (10) Joe 90
(8)/(13) Definition
(8) Batman
(9)NC Hellenic Voice
(12) Celebrity Dominoes
(22) You Don't Say
(33) Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood

4.30 p.m.
(2) (9) La Ribouldingue
(3) Ironside
(4) (6) (11) Vision on
(5) Merv Griffin Show
(6) The Monkees
(7) (10) Patofville
(8)/(13) The Lucy Show
(8) The Munsters
(9)NC (33) Sesame Street
(12) (22) The Flintstones

5.00 p.m.
(2) (9) Lassie
(4) (6) What's New
(6) Hogan's Heroes
(7) (10) l'Homme de Fer
(8)/(13) The Brady Bunch
(8) Bewitched
(9) Come Alive
(9)NC Plein Air
(11) Beverly Hillbillies
(12) It's Your Move
(22) Happy Days

5.30 p.m.
(2) (9) Le monde en liberté
(3) Beverley Hillbillies
(4) (6) (11) The Partridge Family
(6) That Girl
(8)/(13) Get Smart
(8) Newscircle
(9) Irish Weekly
(9)NC Festival de Longueuil
(12) The Price is Right
(22) The Big Valley
(33) The Electric Company

6.00 p.m.
(2) (3) (5) (6) (6) (8)/(13) (9) (12) News; Weather; Sports
(4) Football Huddle
(7) (10) Parle Parle, Jase Jase
(9) (9)NC (17) Un Maillon de la Chaine
(11) Match Game '75
(33) Kiln Krafts
Dry Brushing Stains

6.30 p.m.
(4) (5) (11) (22) News; Weather; Sports
(6) Adam 12
(8) Hogan's Heroes
(9) (9)NC (17) L'Asie à notre porte
(33) Teaching Children to Read

7.00 p.m.
(2) Sur la cote du Pacifique
(3) CBS News
(5) Adam 12
(6) Bandwagon
(6) The Odd Couple
(7) Sherbrooke Express
(8)/(13) (12) The Montefuscos
(8) The F.B.I.
(9) (9)NC (17) Les Gros Sous
(10) Le 10 vous informe
(11) Movin' On
(22) The Flintstones
(33) Black Perspective on the News

7.30 p.m.
(2) (9) Le travail à la chaine
(3) $25,000 Pyramid
(4) (6) Take Time
(5) Name That Tune
(6) Movie
(7) (10) Kojak
(8)/(13) (12) Excuse My French
(9) (9)NC (17) D'la jarnigoine
(22) Mickey Mouse Club
(33) Evening Edition

8.00 p.m.
(2) (9) Cinéma—Drame
Etat de siège (Yves Montand, Renato Salvatori and O. E. Hasso)
(3) The Waltons
(4) (6) (11) Carol Burnett Show
(5) The Montefuscos
(8)/(13) (12) Fay
(8) Lawrence Welk
(22) Barney Miller
(33) Romantic Rebellion
Piranesi/Fuseli

8.30 p.m.
(5) Fay
(7) (10) Cinéma—Drame
Cinq hommes armés (Peter Graves, James Daly and Bud Spencer)
(8)/(13) (12) Streets of San Francisco
(9) (9)NC (17) Portraits
(22) On the Rocks
(33) Classic Theatre Preview
Edward II

9.00 p.m.
(3) Movie—Drama
Fear on Trial (George C. Scott and William Devane)
(4) (6) King of Kensington
(5) (6) Ellery Queen
(8) (22) Streets of San Francisco
(11) Movie—Suspense
Death Sentence (Cloris Leachman, Laurence Luckinbill)
(33) Classic Theatre
Edward II

9.30 p.m.
(4) (6) The Pallisers
(8)/(13) (12) Maclear
The Sex I.Q. — A look at sex education courses currently available in Canada
(9) (9) (17) Au gré de l'actualité

10.00 p.m.
(5) Medical Story
(6) Global News
(8) (8)/(13) (12) (22) Harry-O
(9) The Checkered Flag
(9)NC Festival d'été de Longueuil

10.30 p.m.
(2) (9) Téléjournal
(4) (6) Some of My Best Friends are Men
Beverly Manley, leader of the Jamaican women's movement and wife of Jamaica's prime minister.
(7) (10) Les Nouvelles TVA
(9) (9)NC Tele Sports Digest
(11) Not on Your Nellie

11.00 p.m.
(2) (9) Boney
(3) (4) (5) (6) (8) (8)/(13) (11) (12) (22) News; Weather; Sports
(6) Rimstead!
(7) Informa 7
(9)NC The Checkered Flag
(10) La Couleur du Temps

11.15 p.m.
(7) (10) Cinéma—Comédie
Jerry, la grande gueule (Jerry Lewis, Harold J. Stone and Susan Bay)

11.30 p.m.
(3) Movie—Drama
A Bullet for Pretty Boy (Favian Forte, Jocelyn Lane and Astrid Warner)
(5) Tonight Show
(6) My Country
(8) (22) World of Entertainment
(9)NC Court Circuit

11.50 p.m.
(4) Movie—Comedy
Nearly A Nasty Accident (Kenneth Connor, Jimmy Edwards)

11.55 p.m.
(6) Movie—Western
Vengeance of Pancho Villa (John Ericson and Jos Philbrook)

12.00 p.m.
(2) (9) Cinéma—Aventures
Les mariés de l'an deux Jean-Paul Belmondo, Marlène Jobert)
(6) Movie—Horror
Tomb of Ligeia (Vincent Price, Elizabeth Shepperd)
(8)/(13) Movie—Comedy
Kiss Them for Me (Cary Grant, Suzy Parker and Jayne Mansfield)
(9)NC 33/45
(11) Movie—Comedy
A Thousand Clowns (Jason Robards, Jr., Barbara Harris, William Daniels)
(12) Movie—Drama
Judith (Sophia Loren, Peter Finch and Jack Hawkins)

12.45 a.m.
(10) Cinéma—Policier
Le quai des blondes (Michel Auclair, René Blancard)

1.00 a.m.
(5) Tomorrow Show
(9)NC Au cours des mots

1.15 a.m.
(9)NC La famille papier

1.30 a.m.
(9)NC Retraite ouverte ou fermée

2.00 a.m.
(9)NC Poste frontière

2.30 a.m.
(9)NC D'un Québécois à l'autre

3.00 a.m.
(9)NC Au pays des Lutrins

3.30 a.m.
(9)NC Approche

On the airwaves

3:30 p.m. (CBC-AM) I'm Sorry, I'll Read that Again. A BBC comedy series.

8:03 p.m. (CBC-AM) Themes and Variations. Special performances for World Music Week. (1) The Festival Singers, Mendelssohn 100 Voice Choir, and many soloists. (2) Hugh McLean, organ, recorded at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto.

8:03 p.m. (CBC-FM) Ideas. The Celts: Contemporary Celtic Nationalism. A survey on how nationalism can be nurtured on human values of language, culture and community as opposed to industrial growth and governmental decree.

9:03 p.m. (CBC-FM) Encore. (1) The Mind within the Brain. A program considering the medical, legal and ethical questions of psychosurgery. (2) CBC Winnipeg Singers, conducted by William Baerg.

10:30 p.m. (CBC-AM) Jazz Radio-Canada. Nimmons 'n Nine Plus Six in concert from Wexford Collegiate in Toronto; Pacific Salt from Courteny Youth Music Camp; and an interview with Chuck Mangione.

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